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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,4 and 8-10 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 2,3 and 5-7 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 13 June 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____ .
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____ . 6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on September 16, 2003 has been entered.

The indicated allowability of claims 1, 4 and 8-10 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference to Lighthart et al. (US 6,509,679). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 4 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lighthart et al. (US 6,509,679).

Regarding claim 1, Lighthart discloses a picture tube having a mask frame assembly (Fig. 8b) for securing a tension mask (50) inside the picture tube, the mask assembly

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comprising a support blade structure (49) formed of a material having a first coefficient of thermal expansion, an insert member (51) formed of a material having a second coefficient of thermal expansion (Column 5, lines 1-8), the insert (51) having a plurality of apertures (56) positioned along the length of the insert member (51), and fastening portions (57), at least one fastening portion connecting the insert member to the support blade structure at a generally central location of the insert member and the remaining fastening portions connecting the insert member to the support structure through the apertures whereby the opening of the aperture are dimensioned to have a respective clearance for loosely receiving a respective fastening portion (Column 5, lines 1-8).

Regarding claim 4, Linghart discloses a picture tube wherein the opening of the apertures are dimensioned to permit the fastening portion to slide within apertures along the length of the insert member permitting the insert member to move relative to the support blade structure (Column 5, lines 1-8).

Regarding claim 8, Linghart discloses a picture tube wherein the fastening portions comprise fasteners passing through the apertures of the insert member.

Regarding claim 9, Linghart discloses a picture tube having a support blade structure for a tension mask frame assembly, the support blade (49) structure comprising an insert member (51) connected to the support blade structure at a generally central location of the insert member, the insert member (51) further comprising a plurality of apertures (56) extending from the central location along its length, and fastening portions (57) extending through at least one of the apertures to connect the insert member to the support blade structure wherein the apertures are dimensioned to be larger than the fastening portions to permit movement of the support structure relative to the insert member along the length of the insert member (Column 5, lines 1-8).

Regarding claim 10, Linghart discloses a picture tube wherein the insert member and the support structure are formed of a material being of different coefficient of thermal expansion (Column 5, lines 1-8).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 2, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 2, and specifically comprising the limitation of the support structure comprises first and second interlocking halves.

Regarding claims 3 and 5-7, claims 3 and 5-7 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 2 because of their dependency status from claim 2.

Other Prior Art Cited

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mariceli Santiago whose telephone number is (571) 272-2464. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

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